THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 24th March 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Compensation to the family of the late Sri P. S. Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S.

* 100 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the family of the late Sri P. S. Viswanatha Ayyar, I.C.S., who died in aeroplane crash at Calcutta, has applied to the Government for payment of any compensation or pensions to its members;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have arrived at any decision and what the amount of compensation and pension so decided to be paid to the bereaved members of the family is;

(*c*) whether the late P. S. Viswanatha Ayyar was contributing to the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund and whether the said fund for its successors in interest is paying any pension, and if so, how much to each of the members of the family; and

(*d*) what would have been the amount of compensation which the Government would have to pay to the gentleman if he had decided to retire from service on the 15th August 1947 like any other member of the Indian Civil Service who had retired from the service at the time?

* THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No decision has yet been arrived at as to the amount of compensation to be granted to the bereaved members of the family. But the widow has been granted a pension of Rs. 2,700 per annum and the three children Rs. 320 per annum each, under the Superior Civil Services (Extraordinary Pension) Rules.

" (*c*) No.

" (*d*) About Rs. 97,500."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have taken any steps to see that officers of Government are protected from such accidents and that their families do not suffer? "

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THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" This pension is given because the officer died in Government service."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government do not think that the amounts allotted and given to the members of the bereaved family are very meagre? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" That is the maximum we can give. It is also proposed to give gratuity to these people, but the matter is now pending with the Government of India."

Visit of certain Ministers to Burma.

* 101 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether some of the Ministers went to Burma recently to discuss problems relating to Madras State and Burma and if so, the subjects discussed there and the decisions reached there ; and

(b) whether the Agenda for discussion comprised the subject of evacuees from Burma?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works and the Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi, Minister for Finance were members of the only Indian Delegation that went to Burma in June 1950 (but not recently) to discuss questions connected with the Burma Land Nationalization Act, 1948. The subject of ' evacuees ' was not included in the Agenda for discussion. The conclusions reached there and the decisions of the Government of Burma on the discussions are not yet known. The subject is of more than Madras State importance and is dealt with primarily by the Government of India."

Industrial Housing Scheme of the Central Government.

* 102 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to State—

(a) whether the State Government have received particulars of the Industrial Housing Scheme of the Central Government and if so, what they are ;

(b) whether the Central Government made any provision in 1950–51 and if so, the amount obtained by the State Government ;

(c) whether the Central Government have made any provision in 1951–52 and if so, what amount this State is expected to obtain ;

(d) whether the State Government have any schemes ready to utilize the amount available from the Central Government and if so, what they are ; and

(e) whether the State Government have formulated any industrial housing policy?